

**NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED
PASSENGER LOCOMOTIVE AND RAILCAR MAINTENANCE FACILITY
IN CHARLOTTE**

TIP Project No. P-2918F

Mecklenburg County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division will hold the above citizens' informational workshop on March 27, 2012, between 5-7 p.m. at the Clanton Park Pavilion, located at 3132 Manchester Ave. in Charlotte.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the rail project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided. Interested citizens may attend the workshop at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will be no formal presentation.

The Rail Division, in conjunction with Federal Railroad Administration, is studying alternatives for the Piedmont Improvement Program locomotive & railcar maintenance facility project. NCDOT proposes to construct a new facility to replace the current one next to the Norfolk Southern Railway Charlotte yard.

The proposed facility will serve the increasing number of conventional passenger trains and support the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor. The proposed facility will be in the vicinity of West Summit Avenue and West Carson Boulevard. The facility will include:

- Enclosure for major maintenance operations;
- Fuel pad and onsite fuel tank;
- Additional space for spare parts and equipment storage;
- Enclosed train wash facility; and
- Train crew base for as many as 20 crew members.

For more information, contact Ryan White, Rail Division, NCDOT Environmental & Planning Branch, 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1553, by phone at (919) 707-4717, or via email at rlwhite@ncdot.gov. Citizens may also contact project consultant Travis Pollack of Gannett Fleming, 301 South McDowell St., Suite 1008, Charlotte, NC 28204, by phone at (704) 375-2438, extension 16, or via email at tpollack@gfnet.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Kimberly Hinton at (919) 707-6072 or khinton@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.